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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON MEAT IMPORT QUOTAS

1. THE DEPT CALLED IN J.T. SMITH OF THE AUSTRALIAN
EMBASSY OCTOBER 14 TO CONSULT WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY
JULIUS KATZ ON MEAT IMPORT QUOTAS.

2. KATZ EXPLAINED THAT, WHILE WE HAD NOT YET DETERMINED
COUNTRY QUOTAS, WE HOPED TO DO SO BY THE END OF THIS
WEEK. OUR PRESENT THINKING AS TO CONVERT THE ALLOCATIONS
FOUND IN RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS TO COUNTRY QUOTAS. FOR
THOSE EXPORTING COUNTRIES WHICH DID NOT CONCLUDE AGREE-
MENTS (CANADA, IRELAND, THE U.K. AND BELIZE), AN "OTHER"
CATEGORY WOULD BE ESTABLISHED AT 78 MILLION POUNDS.

3. CANADA HAS SHIPPED AN ESTIMATED 72-75 MILLION POUNDS

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AND IRELAND, 41 MILLION. THUS, THE "OTHER" CATEGORY

WOULD BE FILLED UNLESS THE NUMBER OF THE MEXICANS (WHO HAVE UNDERSHIPED) WERE SET LOWER THAN THEIR RESTRAINT LEVEL AND SOMETHING COULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE "OTHER" CATEGORY. WE ARE CONSULTING NOW WITH MEXICO ON THIS.

4. SMITH INQUIRED ABOUT HOW MEAT PROCESSED IN FOREIGN TRADE ZONES AND SUBSEQUENTLY IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE TREATED. KATZ EXPLAINED THAT A REGULATION WOULD BE ISSUED SOON TO DEAL WITH THIS MATTER. THE REGULATION WOULD NOT COUNT MEAT WHICH HAD ALREADY ENTERED THE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF THE U.S. FROM FOREIGN TRADE ZONES AGAINST COUNTRY QUOTAS, BUT WE COULD NOT SAY JUST HOW IT WOULD BE WORDED.

5. SMITH ASKED IF HE COULD ASSURE HIS GOVERNMENT THAT THE AUSTRALIAN QUOTA WOULD BE SET AT 632.2 MILLION POUNDS. KATZ SAID WE COULD NOT MAKE SUCH AN ASSURANCE BUT THAT WAS THE DIRECTION OF OUR PRESENT THINKING. KISSINGER

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